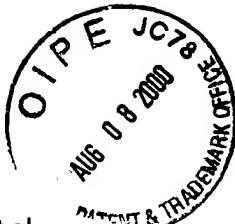


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**Re: Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,431,648  
Serial No. 08/889,825  
Your Reference No. 06530.0060  
Our Reference No. 97-P0177 REI**

Dear Doris:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of today regarding the above-referenced reissue patent. As I mentioned to you over the phone, I heard from Dr. Lev and he informed me that he never received the original patent.

Do not hesitate to contact us should you need further information or have more questions.

Sincerely yours,

  
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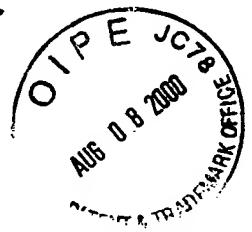
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Dear Sirs:

Further to my letter of July 10, 2000, please let me know if you have obtained any information from Fondazione regarding the whereabouts of the original U.S. Patent (No. 5,431,648) issued on July 11, 1995, and originally assigned to them. We need to provide the U.S. Patent Office with either the original patent or a declaration as to its loss or inaccessibility.

Thank you for your continued assistance with this matter. Please contact me with any questions.

With best regards,

JULY 28, 2000

Sincerely,

  
Doris Johnson Hines

We have contacted Fondazione but they have D.J.H./dm answered that they do not have the original U.S. patent and they assume that is in Dr. Len's hands.  
Regards  
S.I.B.

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